

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of | Chandra et al, Dundee Navin   |
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| Confirmation No:     | 5207  |
| For:                 | <b>System, method and apparatus for assembling and mining life science data</b> |

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This paper accompanies a request for continued examination. A pending appeal is hereby withdrawn.

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested, for the reasons set forth below.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 28, 30, 32, 36-37, 39, 96, 100 and 105-106.

Please amend claims 26-27, 29, 31, 33-35, 38, 40, 92-95, 97-99 and 101-104 as set forth below.

Please add new claims 107-116.

A complete claim listing follows on the next page.